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The cover picture was taken during the first project run by the Jersey (CI) 'Seagulls' – a new Toc H group. The project was a playscheme for 30 young children, ten of them mentally handicapped.

Photo: Frank Leighton



Toc H seeks to create friendship and understanding among people of all backgrounds and beliefs. Local group activities range from holidays for the handicapped and children's playschemes to arts festivals and even bird watching. Toc H is short for Talbot House – the soldiers' club in Belgium founded by the Reverend 'Tubby' Clayton in 1915. Today Toc H provides opportunities for people to test the relevance of practical Christianity and we welcome anyone who would like to give us a try.

Members accept a four fold commitment:

1. To build friendships across the barriers that divide man from man.
2. To give personal service.
3. To find their own convictions while always being willing to listen to the views of others.
4. To work for the Kingdom of God.

This magazine, which acts as a forum for ideas about Toc H and about the world in which we live, takes its title from the third of these Four Points – to think fairly.

From the Editor

LIGHTS AND BUSHELS

Something ought to be said about ways of advertising Toc H. Always we need to ask ourselves what we are seeking to advertise and whether our methods of advertising commend our wares . . . We advertise by our lives the truths by which we live . . . The best propaganda for Toc H is propaganda of a way of life, by living it . . .
(Herbert Leggate – 'The Tyranny of Words')

In my travels around the Movement, I am sometimes urged to help launch a national publicity campaign in the press and on the screen to attract new members. This worries me, mainly for two reasons. Firstly, it seems to me impossible to project a truthful national or international picture of Toc H in terms of activity. Secondly the demand seems to me to spring from a wrong idea of what the Movement is really about.

To be newsworthy and to attract attention we would need to present facts – not theories, not a philosophy. Toc H has no single definite aim in those terms. It is a way of life; it is an attempt by all of us to follow the way of life taught and demonstrated by Jesus; it demands personal commitment and expresses itself in unselfish neighbourly acts in the time and place in which each of us lives. Thus it is a Movement that is essentially personal and local in all its forms of expression. It grows (or fails to grow) by the success with which we attract others to join us in friendship in these personal and local acts of service. It never has been possible, and it is not possible now, to mount a single national Toc H campaign – even if we wanted to. The CEC can speak out for important principles in general terms but I'm sure that even the members of that very small representative group would find it impossible to agree on a line of action acceptable to and appropriate for all our autonomous Branches. And I strongly suspect that, if they tried, the most vocal opposition would come from some of the very members demanding that kind of lead!

'Extension' does not mean seeking instant mass membership: it must start with a deepening of our own commitment. Just suppose it were possible to mount a vast advertising campaign to bring in thousands of new members. (Forget for the moment my personal belief that we could do that only by issuing a false prospectus.) What could we do with them? Has your Branch got urgent needs clamouring to be met in your area, and demanding lots more members? Could your Branch cope with an influx of new people asking what you have for them to do? Has your Branch the confidence and commitment, the happy fellowship and enthusiasm to welcome newcomers and to hold them when you get them? If you are tempted to answer 'Yes' to these questions, then ask why you need a national advertising campaign.

Self described 'realists' are sometimes men fleeing from reality. Those of us who clamour for a 'modern approach' are sometimes looking fearfully for a fashionable gimmick to solve problems that can be solved only by ourselves where we are. We are not selling a product like cigarettes or chocolate: we can't cheat or pretend in order to persuade people to buy. We are not – never have been – a mass membership Movement whose purpose in life is to bring in new people at any price to carry on the things we have always done in the way we have always done them.

In my understanding, Toc H is – and always has been – about influence. It is, therefore, essentially personal and local. When I first came to Toc H and asked what I could do, I was mystified to be told 'It doesn't matter what you do: all that matters is what you are.' I think I now understand what was meant. If we are aiming to be the salt in the meal, the leaven in the lump; if we are serious about testing the way of Christ, about spiritual growth and influence; then all these things must start with me and with you and spread outwards in our particular time and place through our offer of unconditional friendship in whatever task we invite people to share with us.

So, it seems to me that any idea that we can be instantaneously and miraculously rejuvenated by a press campaign is a chimera. That is not to say that we should become a sort of cosy secret society – that we should hide our lights under bushels. Of course we should 'set our light on the lampstand to give light to all the people of the house . . .' But first we must ensure that the lamp is lit. People should see that our beliefs, our commitment, change our lives; that the open friendship of our Branch illustrates a different and better way of life than the world teaches. Only we can light the lamp and set it on the stand wherever we are. Nationally we have some mechanical resources and some expertise to help you present your case. But it is your case and only you can ensure that it is an honest case, honestly and fearlessly presented.

What do you think?

Welcome The Wider Family

The following Branches elected new members during August and September:

- 4 - Leigh (j), Pickering (j)
- 3 - Crediton (w)
- 2 - Brandon (w), Hunstanton (m)
Group
- 1 - Barkingside (m), Carlisle (m),
Dolgellau (m), Fleet Photons (j)
Group, Hackney (j), Heathfield (j),
Margate (w), Manchester District,
St Annes (j), South East Herts
District, Weymouth (m),
Weymouth (w).

A warm welcome to 27 new members



Photo: Geoff Pooley

Philip, Shelley and Andy enjoy a cruise on Lake Windermere as part of Fylde District's 1-2-1 Project.



Photo: Geoff Pooley

Eleven year old Shelley Tomlinson was one of the Blackpool children on the NW Region's 1-2-1 project in Lancaster. On her return she ran a two day jumble sale in her garden. She has now handed the proceeds (nearly £15) to Alan Daniels to be used 'to help others'.

Southern Africa

Muriel Miller (Krugersdorp Branch) sent in this story and pictures: clearly, Muriel believes in catching them young! 'Happy smiling faces were the order of the day when the girls of St Ursula's Convent arrived at the Creches of Kagiso and Munsleville to give the little children a party and a gift of pre-school playground equipment. The swing, roller-barrel, seesaw and school bell were purchased from funds collected by the girls through their own class efforts of cake sales, raffles, sale of toasted sandwiches, film show, etc.



'Although this year the girls have raised over R400 for the Serviam Club, of which half was spent on the pre-school equipment. R100 is to be given to Sister Gregory, OSU (who is in charge of the Black Catholic School adjacent to the Creche in Kagiso) to be put towards the cost of levelling the ground for a soccer pitch.

'In addition to the fund raising, the girls have been collecting paper, crayons, face-cloths and packets of soup, which have also been given to the Creches.

'Projects for the rest of the year include knitting squares for blankets to be given to needy old aged folk at a Christmas party given by the school, and the making or collecting of toys and gifts to be given to under-privileged children of all races for Christmas.

'The motto on the school badge is *Serviam*, and the girls are certainly doing a service to others.'

From Southern Africa, we have also received an appeal for the Botha's Hill TB Settlement - Etembeni - in Natal, which operates in association with Toc H (SA). This was the lifework of Don McKenzie who died in 1978.

At first single-handed, and always single-minded, Don devoted his life to a

fight against TB amongst the Zulus. From the first mud hut built with his own hands he saw the development of a hospital now catering for more than 200 patients, efficiently run and exhibiting all the evidence of his love and care for his fellow men.

The work that he started was continued, but Don was a true man of vision and saw the need for prevention as well as cure. It was always his wish that the work of Botha's Hill be supplemented in a wider field, and as a fitting tribute to this remarkable man his fellow members of Toc H on behalf of Etembeni have embarked on an appeal to raise at least R10,000 to provide a trust fund, the interest on which will be used for bursaries in the field of medicine and social work for suitable Zulu candidates.

Arising from the 1965 Toc H Jubilee celebrations, a considerable sum was donated in UK and in SA for an after care fund to supplement the Settlement's work. Initially, this fund was used to build an outpatients clinic and it has now made possible the purchase of a mobile health promotion unit. This unit (see picture) is marked 'Donated by Toc H for community care' and incorporates the Toc H lamp symbol. Besides guaranteeing the mobile unit's running costs for the next three years, this same fund has donated £3,000 for the Don McKenzie Bursary Fund Appeal. An additional R7,000 is needed to set up an appropriate trust fund. You can show your personal interest by responding generously to this appeal.

Please make cheques payable to Toc H (Southern Africa), and address your donation to The Don McKenzie Bursary Appeal Fund, c/o Toc H (Southern Africa), PO Box 3624, Johannesburg, 200, who will acknowledge all donations.



The mobile health promotion unit donated by Toc H. Standing by the vehicle is Sister Mbhele, the community nurse responsible for co-ordinating the project.

In Brief...

● Almost £200 was raised by Colwyn Bay (Clwyd) Men's Branch in two functions this year. The second of these was an autumn sale of books — an annual event for the Branch. The first was a summer concert held in the Old Colwyn Church Hall. Here a large audience and distinguished guests were entertained by the Cadwgan Singers, the Colwyn Borough Band, the Drama Group of the local Townswomen's Guild and several solo artistes. The total sum raised was presented to a school for handicapped children in Old Colwyn.

● Frank Howlett, formerly Host of Alison House, and now Chairman of Broughty Ferry (Dundee) Branch has written to tell us of the Branch's recent 'Thank You' evening. A major part of this Branch's activities is the arranging of entertainments for patients in Royal Victoria and Strathmartine Hospitals. Branch Jobmaster Jim Davidson organises choirs and concert parties. The 'Thank You' evening attracted some 50 friends who had helped the Branch in their entertainment work in Dundee. A concert given by local people was followed by a talk by Scottish staff member Gordon Macrae and refreshments.

● We recently saw a copy of a warm letter of thanks from the organiser of the High Sheriff Appeal for the Deaf to the Secretary of Thornaby and Stockton (Teesside) Group. This Toc H Group was one of more than 100 Toc H Branches and Groups who helped the appeal by delivering leaflets. Thornaby and Stockton went one better. Choosing a day on which their local Friendship Circle was meeting, they mounted their 'Rose Tea' to raise funds for the appeal. The whole room was decorated with roses which were sold at the end of the day. There were home produce teas, a home produce stall, tombola and a bric-a-brac sale. Best of all there was a Craft Stall, selling toys, cushions, blankets and dolls clothes, all made by members of the Friendship Circle. With all that — and lots of talk — the large crowd had a great day despite the awful weather.

● Tubby's Poperinge Group plans to issue a regular news letter and the first one has just reached us. A glance at the main paragraph headings gives us an idea of the range of activities and interests of this lively young group. They write about their AGM, a party for handicapped boys, a bring-and-buy sale and 'Our plans for the near future'. We all wish them every success in this new venture and in all their Toc H work.

● Some of you will recall that David Ennals, speaking at Central Council in 1978 mentioned a planned change in Kidney Donor Cards to a 'credit card' style. We wrote to him later suggesting a generalised 'Tissue Donor' Card and received a reasoned but not very encouraging reply. Now Janet Rauch writes to tell us that she has seen two new cards which together meet most of the points we were raising. The more general of these cards authorises the use of either any part of our bodies or named tissues for medical purposes after our death. This seems to be the moment for those of us who wish to do so to complete one of these cards and carry it with us wherever we go.

● Cirencester (Glos) Men's Branch tell us of an enjoyable 'Thank You' evening. They gathered some 70 friends at a party to celebrate all the help they had received since they were founded in 1936. An evening of entertainment was rounded off with refreshments and conversation, a talk by George Lee on Toc H and its purpose, the Ceremony of Light and family prayers.

● SE Regional staff member John Burgess is the latest candidate to suffer a sponsored slim. He lost 28 lbs (slightly under his target figure) and collected £115 (considerably more than his target figure). £50 went to the Area Toc H Minibus Fund and the balance was shared among the five projects run this year in Beds and Herts.

● This summer we had a fascinating letter from Gertrude Matthews, a Brighton Branch Builder, aged 85 and blind. We held the letter hoping to have a photograph to accompany it but so far this has not reached us. So here is the letter:

... One day I mentioned that my dearest wish was to fly and when Padre Edgar Wallace heard about this, he immediately set to work to make my wish come true.

The date for the flight was soon fixed and I waited anxiously for several days beforehand listening to rather gloomy weather forecasts on the radio. The day came with low clouds over the sea and a threat of rain but at 11 am, to my joy, I received a message to say that weather conditions inland would be OK for the flight. At 1.30 pm Edgar Wallace arrived to take me to Redhill, Surrey, the HQ of the Tiger Flying Club. There I met Mr Kenneth Smith who had his aeroplane all ready to receive me.

Since I am blind, the climb over the wing into the cockpit was a major operation but with a number of willing hands to help, I was eventually strapped in safely beside my pilot, accompanied by a Winant Volunteer from California. We taxied around the airfield ready for take off. Imagine my delight when we began to ascend and my wish was really coming

true. It is difficult for me to describe the sensation which flying gave me but I felt that I just wanted to go on and on. I flew over many interesting places such as Gatwick Airport and 'Chartwell' the home of the late Sir Winston Churchill and I was even allowed to control the plane for a short time all by myself. After flying for 40 minutes we descended and once again helping hands guided me over the wing on to firm ground.

Then I was taken through the hangar, threading our way between many other types of aircraft, to the club room where we all enjoyed a welcome cup of tea.

As a grand finale to my 'flying day', a tea party had been arranged for me at Clayton House and we drove back to Brighton in glorious sunshine. It was a day I shall never forget. This is 'Thank You' Year for Toc H and I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to all those who helped to make my wish come true.

● Kenneth Asquith of Huddersfield writes to give news of this year's 'housebound outing' mounted by Newsome (W Yorks) Men's Branch. On one of 1980's rare sunny days, they took some 60 guests on a Pennine tour which will 'live in their memories for months'. They returned to a splendid tea. (30 packed teas were distributed at the same time to those unable to do the coach trip.) Tea was followed by an evening's entertainment. This is an annual event and Newsome want to pass on their public thanks to all who help. In particular they thank warmly the manager and staff of the extremely busy M62 Hartshead Service area who each year set aside an area and provide tea, coffee and biscuits for the party — most of whom would be quite unable to queue. Newsome say that the gratitude of their guests and the annual reminder of their own good fortune in being mobile means that they get far more from this day than they give.

Sunday Christian

Here she comes
Striding out,
Determined.
Aggressive hat
Jammed over bun-tight hair.

She's been to church
Twice on Sundays
Through three vicars,
Two steeple repairs,
An organ fund
And forty years.

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How to worship.

Look out, God.

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BRITISH GAS



From the Director

by Ken Prideaux-Brune



Toc H we are often told is about new experiences and a recent new experience for me was sitting on the panel of judges appointed to choose Miss Smile of Basildon. This strange event took place during a disco at the Mecca dance hall — Mecca gave Toc H the evening without charge — attended by well over 200 people. The battering of the music on my eardrums and the swooping lights flashing in my eyes made it for me a thoroughly unpleasant evening — which is only to say that this was one of those rare, and painful, occasions when I felt my age!

As for the event itself the 16 young ladies who had been cajoled into entering were led on to the stage and made to look idiots by being asked inane questions by the DJ while we marked their smiles to determine the three lucky people who would receive the magnificent prizes which had been donated. In that strange setting most of the smiles were rueful or

disbelieving. All very odd, but quite good fun so long as no one took it seriously.

In making these slightly carping comments I'm showing my age again — I may well still be suffering from concussion as a result of the disco. Please don't read this as being in any way critical of Thurrock Branch, the organisers of the event. They did a superb job. The evening was, in fact, just the major activity in 'Smile Week'. Members were out in the shopping centre on several occasions trying to persuade passers-by that they weren't collecting money for anything; they just wanted people to smile. The week caught the imagination of a great many people, including the local news media who gave it a great deal of space, and has certainly served to put Toc H on the map in Basildon. Thurrock Branch see it as a preliminary to attempting to start a new group there and I wish them well in the endeavour. Meanwhile bringing a little cheerfulness to the drab streets of Basildon is worthwhile in itself. And even the disco was fun — in retrospect.

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I have recently had the privilege of reading the proofs of the new Toc H anthology, which will have been published by the time these words appear. It contains a wealth of challenging and entertaining writing, from names well-known and unknown, from the earliest days right up to the present time. And it manages to achieve a balance between the 'what' and the 'why', between accounts of Toc H activities over the years, and restatements of the central purpose for which the Movement exists. That central purpose has never changed but we need to be continually reminded of it. We too easily emphasise one aspect at the expense of others producing the kind of distortions which present Toc H, for instance, simply as a social service organisation.

It is appropriate, therefore, that this important book is published at the precise time when the Central Council is discussing the Central Executive's new formulation of the central purpose of Toc H in a paper entitled 'The Way Forward'. No doubt your Councillor will have shared with you the gist of this paper. In a sense it contains nothing new. It is simply a restatement — but a necessary restatement — of the faith and the mission of our Movement. In another sense it is a vision, a vision of Toc H as a missionary Movement. By this I mean that our fundamental purpose is to introduce as many people as we can reach to the Christian way of life. And it recognises that this vision cannot be translated into reality simply by producing new structural blueprints, but only by the personal commitment of each one of us.

As we struggle to give life to this vision in the months ahead the new anthology, setting out how successive generations of Toc H members have expressed that vision and tried to put it into practise, will be an essential tool. The price has been kept down to £2. Buy your copy now — or drop hints about Christmas presents in the appropriate ears.

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One of the liveliest and most enjoyable afternoons of this month was spent with a group of some former members of staff at Cuddesdon House. The group came together on the initiative of Colin Stevenson, who has done a tremendous job tracking down addresses and circulating an annual newsletter. Colin kindly invited John Hull and I to share the day with them and we were delighted to be able to do so. The happy and relaxed atmosphere was another proof that however much outward things may change the Spirit of Toc H remains very much the same.

Photo: Parrett & Neves Ltd



Whitstable (Kent) Women's Branch have a special interest in the Shaftesbury Society's holiday centre in Seasalter. This year they devoted £250 from their fund raising efforts towards providing a hoist for use with disabled children using the centre.

projects 1980

North Hampshire 1-2-1 by Peter Ranken

Projects are run in style in the Southern Region. Well, where else have you heard of a 1-2-1 holiday with physically handicapped children being held in an ex-stately home?

In Mid-August 12 physically handicapped children and 14 volunteer helpers descended on Tylney Hall School, Rotherwick, for an activity packed week. Had you looked in on one day you would have found water, custard and shaving foam flying through the air to land on volunteer and child alike. On another you would have seen one helper being kidnapped by cowboys in a Wild West town. On Wednesday you would have seen a wheelchair and its occupant paddling on the beach at Bognor Regis, and on the Thursday one child tried to fly a helicopter at RAF Odiham.

This project was set up and arranged by a support group of Toc H members from the Loddon Vale District. The volunteers came from as far away as Preston and Cornwall and carried on such diverse occupations as Royal Navy Lieutenant, farmer, nurse, accounts clerk, warehouseman, student and police sergeant. Their ages ranged from 17 to 38. The children (aged 7-13) were found with help from Reading and Basingstoke Social Services, Lord Mayor Treloar College, Alton and White Lodge School, Chertsey. Apart from this week, each child spent his or her holidays at home with their parents. So we also gave the parents a rest!

Samantha goes for a paddle.



Photo: Rex Waygood

ears and eyes by Joan Gates

I want you to try an experiment — just close your eyes and block up your ears and count up to 60 slowly. Help! The daylight has turned into the blackness of night and instead of bird song and the murmuring of the breeze in the trees there is a deathly silence . . . 59, 60 — right! Open your eyes and ears to the welcome sights and sound around you and pause to think what it is like for those who cannot do just that as their eyes do not see neither do their ears hear.

You can now understand what the Toc H Norfolk Activities' holiday means to the blind/deaf in the area. Of necessity, they live rather shut-in lives and do not meet many people — in fact, two live alone — but on the holiday they are helped to relax and have fun doing crazy things like paddling in the sea, having a gentle swing and seesaw in a children's playground, eating candyfloss (rather a hit and miss affair this!) all made possible by the volunteers to whom they courageously entrust themselves for a week. This year four of us were old hands, and the three newcomers (ages 18 and 19) brought a fresh vitality and dedication to the week, and soon broke down all barriers to make the blind/deaf young again. As one of them, Rose, said 'I felt as if I was 16 years old instead of 60'.



Photo: Crispin White

How about contacting your Social Services Department and finding out how the blind/deaf in your locality are coping with life? Maybe they could do with a break from the struggle of everyday problems. And it's not only the blind/deaf who will benefit — you'll find that life for you will somehow never be quite the same again as you will have experienced a new dimension of living and come closer to the meaning of what it is all about.

projects 1980 continued

Photo: Gill Westwood



A SW and W Midlands playscheme entered a float in the Lord Mayor's Parade celebrating Cardiff's 75th birthday as a 'city' and her 25th as Welsh capital.

Photo: Frank Leighton



This picture was taken in Jersey during the 'Seagulls' first project. This new Toc H Group cared for 30 children aged four to eight (10 of them mentally handicapped) in St Helier for a week long playscheme.

Photo: Peter Richardson



The NE Region offered some one parent children an adventure away from home - at Colsterdale, high

Photo: Geoff Pooley



Fylde (NW Region) District's 1-2-1 project for handicapped Blackpool children. Neil is literally surrounded by volunteers!

Photo: Robin Nunn, Hackney Gazette

Photo: Crispin White



Community living at Hengrave Hall, Suffolk. This was a chance to share the life, work, food and prayer of an ecumenical Christian community in an Elizabethan country manor house.

Photo: John Burgess



Photo: Jonathan Bach



Work with the blind at Leatherhead. Volunteers moved into the Royal School for the Blind for a week to assist the skeleton holiday staff in entertaining some 70 residents of all ages.

Photo: Derby Evening Telegraph



Some of the 80 boys at this year's Derby Camp lining up at Osmaston Polo Ground with the Mayor of Derby.

Berlin playschemes

by Jane Ellen Hughes

Dear Mum,

Well the playscheme is nearly over – only one more day to go. There are two playschemes out here in Berlin, both for 80 children. One is situated on the Darbystrasse estate and the other on the St George's estate.

The weather has been warm and sunny except for two rainy days, so we have been doing lots of outdoor activities with the children, including swimming and trips to one of the sandy lakeside beaches actually in Berlin. I've never played so many games of rounders in my life! A day outing to the Berlin Zoo (reputed the best in Europe) was a great success. One of the children in my group saw a 'hippo with a nappy on' so we all rushed over to have a look at it and it turned out to be an anteater with a white patch of fur on its backlegs! The first week culminated in a Grand Sports Day – a joint event between the two playschemes. There was much rivalry between the two play groups – but all the volunteers got back to the hotel in one piece. Darbystrasse was awarded the silver Winners' Cup and St George's, believe it or not, were awarded the Runners-up Cup, so everyone was happy!

At final playscheme day tomorrow we are having a show and party with parents invited in the afternoon. We volunteers are putting on a pantomime as well – surprising what hidden talents people have! Although exhausted and having suffered from countless mosquito bites and 'Berlin tummy' everyone will be sad when it's all over.

Edinburgh House Hotel, where we are staying, is very luxurious (for a project!) – H & C and all mod cons and the food is excellent. Everyone is very friendly. Have done lots of sightseeing – including a trip around East Berlin and of course we've still got a few days left before we fly home.

All in all, it's been a really enjoyable project and all thanks must go to the leaders, Chris and Marina and Lynn for co-ordinating the two projects. It's certainly been a different sort of project and will be looked upon with fond memories.

See you soon,
from a tired, happy Volunteer.



Children an adventure holiday – for many their first high in the Yorkshire Dales.



The writing's on the wall! Youngsters on Hackney's playscheme paid their tribute to HM the Queen Mother.



Photo: Tony Wilkinson



An engrossing moment during the Clitheroe (Lancs) playscheme.



Photo: Peter Richardson

Sixteen children from Huddersfield – some seeing the seaside for the first time in their lives – were enabled to spend a happy August weekend in Bridlington.

At the Surrey District children's camp – one of our 'golden oldies'.



Photo John Dickson

Southampton's 'Magpies' ran a two week playscheme for some 60 children in the city – 'a fortnight of the ultimate in human assault courses!'

STREET BASED PLAY SCHEMES

by John Mitchell

Twenty years ago, the phrase 'play scheme' would have been Greek to most people in Britain. If asked to guess at its meaning, it is probable a majority of people would have imagined some form of theatre workshop! Since then, the word has crept more regularly into the common usage, because play schemes have become a regular feature of our national scene.

It is certainly fair to claim that Toc H has played its part in the growth of the play scheme concept. The first Toc H project that was recognisable as a play scheme was back in 1964, and this year more than 20 appear in the national projects programme, quite apart from others run locally.

During these years, three distinctive types of play scheme have emerged. Briefly, these can be classified as group based play schemes, play centres, and street based play schemes. Hitherto, Toc H has been predominantly involved with the first type.

A group based play scheme is one on which children are recruited, and separated into small groups, and entrusted to the continuing care of one or two volunteers, for the duration of the scheme. These schemes operate from premises of some sort, which serve as rendezvous, base storage centre for equipment, and play space, especially in wet weather. A common feature of such schemes is the 'trip' to places and activities outside the children's own environment. The normal ratio of volunteers to children would be something in the region of 1:8 to 1:15. In Toc H, we have usually aimed at a pattern of about 2 volunteers to 12 children, although this has not always proved possible. These play schemes are not cheap (often the cost runs into hundreds of pounds) and are labour intensive, needing a high child/volunteer ratio. They usually operate within fairly well defined age limits, often 5-11.

By contrast, the majority of local authority play schemes run on the 'play centre' principle. On such schemes, premises are open as a 'play centre' to which children come. Often this is a school, during school holidays. The volunteers man activities, and children choose, daily, which activity they wish to

participate in, and thus which volunteer they will meet, ie the volunteers are attached to activities, not to groups of children. Clearly, this is a gain, insofar as volunteers with a certain expertise can provide it throughout the scheme. On the other hand, the close relationship which is often built between volunteers and 'their group' on Toc H schemes is lost. It is that relationship which is often the most valuable aspect of our own play schemes. Play centres can often be more flexible in their age ranges, and there is no need for prior, formal recruitments, as is often the case on 'group based' play schemes. Also, group based play schemes must have a maximum number, after which applicants must be refused, or else the groups become too big. Play centres again have flexibility.

There is clearly no 'right' or 'wrong' type, and it is for any group planning a play scheme to consider the priorities and the needs. It is perhaps predictable, and proper, that Toc H, with its emphasis on personal relationships, has normally chosen a format which provides opportunities for close relationships between volunteers and children.

The third type of play scheme — street based — is one that is still comparatively rare, and largely unexplored, both by local authorities and voluntary organisations, including Toc H. However, they do have things to commend them. In order to bring this third possibility before those embarking on play schemes, I have been asked to explain what happened on a scheme in a small town in the West Country, in 1978 and 1979.

The town concerned had a 'play scheme committee' which covered the centre of the town, and one of two council estates. The other estate, with approximately 500 residential units, was not included. Toc H locally decided, at fairly short notice, to mount a play scheme for this estate. There was no chance of recruiting outside volunteers (as we had long missed the deadline for the booklet) and we had little money.

A few weeks before the starting date in August the members of the Toc H Branch met together for a few nights of preparation. First, they manufactured (from wire, cardboard, and papier-mache) a caterpillar's head, large enough to fit a

child. Behind that was attached 20 feet of decorated hessian, for more children to be the 'legs', on the lines of the Chinese 'dragons' many will have seen. The Branch also made posters, to be put up in shops and houses on the estate, saying simply 'Follow the caterpillar next Monday — Bring 1p'.

On the first day of the scheme, four volunteers drove to the estate, with caterpillar, folding table and chair, and 100 matchboxes. Three of them went off with the caterpillar, to march round the estate, while the fourth manned the table, on some open ground near the main road through the estate. Soon the caterpillar returned, with 14 children inside it, and some 20 other children in procession, shaking shakers, banging cymbals, and generally deafening the locality! Each child paid 1p, and was given a matchbox, and told to come back before noon, and a prize would be given to the child with the most different articles inside the box. By noon, some 60 children ranging from 4-16, had returned their crammed boxes. They were told to return at 2 pm for the results, and for the afternoon session. At 2 pm, the caterpillar again went 'walkabout' and a child who had got 80 plus objects in his box was presented with a prize of 60p — the mornings 'takings'! And so on . . . for a full and eventful week. Numbers varied, but at least 100 different children took part, and the average attendance was about 50 per session. The caterpillar processions became more effusive and noisy, although we soon learned to avoid the homes of those on night shift trying to sleep! But even they complained in good humour. It had a carnival atmosphere about it, especially the last afternoon when over 60 children in fancy dress, led by the caterpillar, and supervised by a local policeman, processed throughout the estate.

Clearly, many events could be mounted. Our list, over the two years, included painting and crayoning (finished articles were then 'hung' on lamp posts throughout the estate — nobody seemed to mind!), scavenger hunts, mask making, general knowledge quizzes (with some questions deliberately too hard, so children had to seek help of parents and grandparents!); local knowledge quizzes (how many gnomes in Mr Smith's garden?), story time for younger children,

crosswords (amazingly popular), competitions for best decorated bicycle, crazy sports — how long can you skip? How long can you stand on one leg? (the prize went to a girl who stood for 1½ hours!); making stilts out of tin cans, slow bicycle races, how many objects can you find beginning with the letter 'A', 'B', and so on. This last activity was not without its amusement. One lad, unwisely, left his bicycle near the table when the letter was 'B', and returned to find his friends had removed brakes, bar (handle), bulb, bell, bracket etc. On another occasion, when the letter was 'P', a girl arrived with a 'potty' belonging to her baby sister, still full of 'P', and claimed two points! Clearly in many events the older children had an advantage, so prize money was split according to age. However, it was clear that the prize money itself was so small that it was not a major part of the motivation.

So, how does such a play scheme compare with other types? Naturally there are both gains and losses.

On the gain side, it is fair to say:

(a) They are cheaper. The net cost of 1979 was £4. Actual income was about £15, comprising some donations from local families (unsolicited) and the 1p fees on days with no prizes, and outgoings about £19. Much material was scrounged, as in the best traditions of Toc H!

(b) They need fewer volunteers. We averaged four people on site, but on occasions it was only two, and help was received from older children (who soon became competent to guide the caterpillar round the streets and avoid the traffic) and mums, who helped man the table.

(c) A wide range caused no difficulty. There would have been nothing to stop adults joining in the quizzes — we would have been chuffed if they had wanted to!

(d) We were free of the problems associated with premises. We had no worries about damage, theft from cupboards etc, as is common when schools are used. We didn't have to worry about locking up, and clearing children out at the end of the day. We didn't have to woo caretakers, or arrange special insurance. We didn't have to become policemen and restrain or bar difficult children. This was, perhaps, the best bonus.

(e) We were able to set up the scheme at very short notice.

On the debit side, we were well aware:

(a) Both schemes only lasted one week. It may well be they would be difficult to sustain for more, but experiment will show.

(b) They are good weather schemes. Although children seem happy to

We will Remember...

We regret to announce the death of the following members:

In May

Mrs P Amies (St Austell)

In July

Thomas 'Tom' Bell (Morecambe)

John 'Jack' Hall (New Milton)

In August

Mrs P Bailey (Ramsgate)

Mrs O M A 'Pat' Barry (Bideford)

Miss W E 'Elsie' Bolton (West Worthing)

Mrs N Mary Giffard (Southdown District)

John Gilchrist (Carlisle)

Roy Darke Gillespie-Smith (Wessex District)

Mrs L Harvey (Pickering)

Miss Florence Horn (Harpending)

Mrs E E 'Nell' Lomax (Newton Abbot)

Arthur H Rawling (Mill Hill)

In September

Miss Ruby E Brimble (RHHI)

Mrs I L 'Nick' Mills (Brandon)

H A 'Bert' Price (Ilminster)

Also the following Overseas members:

Pat Jacques — Wellington, NZ

Basil Bishop — Nelson, NZ

John Hole — Nelson, NZ

John Hall, New Milton (Hants) Joint Branch, died in July after 50 years of service to the Movement. He came to Toc H originally through his interest in healing and much of his earlier work was with handicapped children in Hoxton. After serving in Luton and Lymington Branches, John became a founder member of New Milton in 1976. For the last 13 years of his life, he suffered from illness himself but still attended meetings regularly in his invalid chair. A colleague writes: 'Those who knew John intimately counted it a privilege. . . He never lost his zest for life and his inner joy was a real tonic to us all when we visited him. . .'

carry on in light rain, really bad weather has to interrupt activities. On both schemes we only lost one session, but it might have been worse.

(c) The sort of close relationships that can be achieved in the 'small group' between volunteers and children were, necessarily, absent. That is not to suggest we didn't make friends — we did — but not at the level possible in a 'group based' scheme.

(d) The layout of the estate permitted the scheme, because there were patches of land we could operate on, a

As a member of Toc H Ipswich Branch I write to inform you with much sadness, that our friend Roy Unwin (as he was known to everyone,) died on 23 August at the age of 71. He was an active member of the Ipswich Branch in the early days from 1930 and he maintained his interest in the Movement to the end as a Builder. In his business life and in all his many activities for church and the community he exemplified the true spirit of Toc H.

MW

Fred Barrans, Chairman of Cheadle Hulme (Cheshire) Men's Branch, died in August at the age of 74. At all times, Fred was jealous of the Movement's Christian reputation and he spoke out strongly and often in its defence. He feared any signs of spiritual weakening in Toc H life and practised his own rule of proclaiming what he saw as the truth fearlessly and on every suitable occasion. It is fitting that just at this time the Central Executive has prepared a paper for Central Council whose opening sentence is: 'Toc H is a Christian ministry and we should state that fact clearly and unashamedly'.

Falmouth Joint Branch write to tell us of the death on 9 September of their oldest member, Revd C R S (Charles) Enys, at the age of 83. Charles had been a faithful member for almost 50 years and Branch Pilot for the past seven years. He was active to the end and will be greatly missed.

Sidney Higbee, Verger and Parish Clerk of all Hallows since 1966, died suddenly on Sunday 22 September. A full obituary notice will appear in our next issue.

We give thanks for their lives

little removed from the main road. Crazy sports are not advisable near a main road. However, judicious use of cul-de-sacs may solve that problem.

No doubt more could be said for and against. I am not arguing that these are in any way 'better' than other types, but that the more options we are aware of, the more appropriate our choices may be to the situation. The attractions of this sort of play scheme are that it can be mounted by an average Branch, at short notice, and cheaply, and doesn't depend on lots of youngsters to run it.

Open Forum

Toc H and Politics

In reply to Oliver Wilkinson (July issue) we work in harmony with those with whom we disagree party politically but have affection for personally. Surely this is a Christian principle – fair minded and not sneer worthy? . . .

With Branches all over the country and beyond, Toc H gives personal service to all human need which comes to its notice. Recently a large modern hospital was built at Barnstaple to serve N Devon. We attended meetings to discuss the needs of these parts and to learn of the advanced treatments which would be ours. We have followed its growth and now serve it.

As we move about the country, we realise that one overall policy can be inadequate in parts. Toc H can give knowledgeable service locally. We communicate with others, pick each other's brains, and consolidate.

I join with Christine Cowton of Hull – send your political views to the newspapers. Why not to your MP? Our MP gladly came to our first public meeting on the subject of coping with life in the new technological age. Get in the expert. Contact someone who can do something about the trouble or explain why it cannot be – clear away the muddle.

With members' limited time and resources, widespread local needs more than fill them but, if we are all hard at it, the whole country benefits.

For wider situations, we can learn what we can and support with finance and prayers.

Beryl Hammond
Bideford

I would like to thank John Mitchell for his effective reply (in August issue) to Christine Cowton's earlier letter regarding Toc H and politics. I agree with every word of John's letter and it is his outlook so reasonably set out that has kept me in Toc H for 50 years. Anything less would be empty sentiment.

Max Wootton
Ipswich

The Old House

I was rather surprised to read in the Annual Report that Toc H could no longer afford to keep the services of a Belgian Housekeeper. I see that this housekeeping is now being done on a month to month basis, which means no continuity.

I would have thought that there is

sufficient cash in hand (and investment) to keep a permanent well paid housekeeper.

Talbot House is the corner stone of our Movement, and also where it all began. I am sure that the present trend of cut backs, cash limits, and general economy could in this case be avoided, and the highest standards maintained, at whatever the cost, for this building of ours. If economies are that necessary and I am not even sure that they are, there are so many other places that they can be made.

Philip Boyle
Halesowen

Note: The situation is not as simple as that. We are engaged in complex and delicate negotiations to seek exemption from the stringent Belgian Labour Laws. Under these laws, the *minimum* we could pay a housekeeper – Belgian or British – is £10,000 pa. Until these negotiations are completed we do not know where we stand and can make no permanent appointment. If we gain exemption, we can appoint a full time housekeeper at once. If we fail, the Central Executive will need to decide whether it is prudent to pay so large a sum to cover what is a relatively short period each year.

Meanwhile, we would like to say publicly how grateful we are to those members who have given their time and talents to keep the Old House running on a month to month basis. Thanks to their generosity, the House has continued to be fully used.

– A E Dudman, General Secretary

Inter-Faith Dialogue

A friend of mine recently lent me the July *Point Three* in which there is an article on Inter-Faith Dialogue. Although I am not a member of Toc H, I feel I must write to you on this subject as it seems to me that you may be about to embark on a wrong course in this matter . . .

I cannot find, anywhere in the Bible . . . where God tells us to reverence, admire and love other faiths. On the contrary, God was very severe on this point in the Old Testament, telling the Israelites to drive out before them the people of other religions, all of which were based on idolatry. Likewise, in 2 Corinthians 6: 14-17, we read, *Or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever. What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God . . . Therefore come out from among them and be*

separate from them, says the Lord.

Certainly, it is right to love the people of other faiths, but not to love their faiths. If Christ is the way, the truth and the life, and no man comes to the Father but by him, then it is our duty and responsibility to accept and proclaim the Gospel of Christ. It is no time for muddled thinking of 'mutual understanding', 'inter-faith dialogues' and 'love of other faiths'.

I do not love the Muslim faith – it seriously undermines Christianity and the teachings of Jesus; we have permitted it to infiltrate and flourish in this country, even to the extent of allowing a large mosque to be built in the heart of London.

Please ask yourself, what would Jesus think of that? Would he say *Oh, that's all right, we will have an inter-faith dialogue with them?*

No, he would say *I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. . . I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*

There is no question of 'religious diversity' there!

So, let us love the people of other faiths by a clear proclamation of the truths of the Lord Jesus Christ and draw as many of them as will come into the true Kingdom of God . . .

Phyllis Harden
Rickmansworth

Sponsor Toc H!

The recent Pannikampatti Appeal sparked off discussion in our Branch on the subject of sponsorship. We would like to see HQ take the initiative and issue a list of about 10 projects each year and invite Branch sponsorship. Projects could be submitted for consideration by Regional Councils. They could cover improvement to buildings, providing a service or paying for full or part time staff etc. A starting scale could range from the modest – say about £200 – to a major project of say £10,000 plus which could be continued over several years. Branches could be invited to sponsor particular projects in units of say £25. Completed projects could be reported in *Point Three* together with a list of sponsoring Branches.

We feel that such a scheme need not detract in any way from financing local projects or from making a full contribution to Family Purse. On the contrary we hope it would ease the

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pressure on finances at HQ. The scheme may also spark off a national project -- something that has been much needed for some time.

How do you feel about this in your Branch?

Charles Huggett
Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk

Old or New?

At my local Church we are using Series 3 Holy Communion for a trial period and I seem to be one of the few older members who prefer it.

For the sake of its future, the Church must attract young people. Some years ago, a Vicar told couples about to have their banns read that they should make a special effort to attend the on those three Sundays . . . However, we rarely if ever saw them after those three Sundays. We could only conclude that it was because the language which we knew off by heart and loved, was almost a foreign language to them, so they were not getting the blessing they were entitled to expect . . .

Ron L Tyler
W Teignmouth, Devon

Lights and Bushels!

During the exhortation in the Ceremony of Light ('Let your light so shine before man that they may see your good works. . .') I think of that other saying: 'When you do some act of charity, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing; your good deed must be secret' (Matt 6 vv 3 and 4) and wonder whether the former is a good translation.

I would be interested to read what other members have to say about this.

Bob Overend
Hoddesdon, Herts.

Festival 1980

I refer to the letter from L C Burnham, (August issue). I was not present at the Toc H Festival 1980 in London and I cannot cheer him up by being a younger member than he is as I am 77! However I would like to thank him for his excellent letter and in particular his point (1) re unilateral disarmament and Christianity and the fable of the lamb and the wolf. I have never heard or read this point of view put so well or so clearly and I do fully agree with him.

Rev G Kestell-Cornish
Barnstaple, N Devon

London Welsh

I endorse the praise given to our entertainers at the Festival in the recent *Point Three* issue; but what of the performance of the Gwalia Welsh Male Voice choir? I confess to enamoring from the land of David and his harp and could be accused of unblinkered ethnic support, but truly they were magnificent.

Eira Rowley
London

Helping the Homeless

. . . With so many homeless people in this country, I often wonder why people with spare rooms do not take in a homeless man or woman. I know several with rooms to spare who keep them empty and unused for years on end. Is it selfishness or just don't want to be bothered? Where does Christianity exist in these cases? How can we expect our fellow men to trust us if we do not give them trust? . . . Has any member been homeless themselves? I have once long ago, and it is heartbreaking, believe me . . .

If each reader befriends one homeless person, then you could be saving many lives . . . 'There, but for the grace of God, go I' . . .

Constance L Catchside
Innsworth, Glos

Sale Branch

What a remarkable coincidence that you should report in the June issue the visit to Jock Brown in Gibraltar and a party for Norman K Wardleworth who had been in Toc H for over 50 years.

Both these members were in Sale Branch, and I was the original founder with two others from Altrincham Branch. Wardleworth is a village near Rochdale and so NKW was, and is, always known as 'Roch'. Eventually we lost our meeting room and gravitated each week to Roch's from room until we could find a permanent place. Jock worked in Trafford Park and lived there. It was always a rush for Jock to catch the last bus after we had stood at the main street corner discussing everything under the sun each Thursday. The last time I met Jock was in the black out during the war, on a Sunday night train to Wolverhampton.

I must state that Sale Branch turned out some remarkable characters and the two, of whom I write, were of that band.

Graham Nicklin
Macclesfield, Cheshire

The Abortion Debate

I have just read the Revd A L Collins' interesting but predictable comments (August *Point Three*).

Abortion is something between a woman and her conscience — a conscience she will have to carry with her to the grave. However, I must set him straight on abortion when the child would have been born with a severe disability, either mental or physical — or in many cases both.

I have worked with severely disabled children — adorable children — and have come in contact with their parents and relatives. I suppose Revd Collins has some statistics to back up his claim that the severely disabled child has the effect of bringing spiritual salvation to its parents. This has not always been my experience. Revd Collins should watch a spastic child screaming and writhing in agony when her muscles cramp and stay cramped for so long that her body and face are bathed in sweat with the pain and she looks as if she would faint. What price salvation for the third party?

Wilma Anic
Aylesbury

Where it all started

It was with great interest that I read the articles 'Poperinge 1979' by Bert Hill and 'Happy New Year' — Belgian Style' by Graham Irwin (June 1980 issue).

The first article was admirable and gave the impression of what such a journey is truly all about. The second article conveyed a most unfortunate and erroneous picture of Toc H and its pursuits, and in certain circumstances could prove harmful to the Movement. Toc H at its best has the unique ability of being healthily flexible without being sanctimonious but not quite in the style the second article seemed to suggest.

E W Nottle
Eastbourne

Thank You!

Our thanks to all those friends at the N Wales and NW Regional Festival in Northwich on 12 July for the wonderful surprise awaiting us on our return home.

It was our Ruby Wedding Day, and a celebration card was sent and signed by all the Branches or members present at the Festival.

This was a lovely thought and made our return home very pleasant.

Kit and John Minshall
Oswestry

'What went on at the branch last night?'

Anyone who is involved in Toc H, whether in a Branch, project or residential house, is involved in a small group of people. All relationships need some kind of focus, and in Toc H the focus is a small group. During the weekend 13/15 February 1981 at Cuddesdon House, there will be an opportunity for members, friends and — equally welcome — total strangers to come and learn a bit more about what happens when people come together in a group.

Although there will be some 'theory', the main aim is not to talk 'about' groups but, rather, to live in a new group during that weekend, and try to observe, and reflect on, what is actually going on as the group tackles exercises, tasks and games. For those involved in leadership at any level in Toc H, or outside, and increased awareness of what is likely to happen in a group enables him or her to be more sensitive to its needs, and better equipped to encourage the growth and development of the group, and the individuals who comprise it.

The weekend will cost £15.00. Applications, with a £3.00 deposit, to be sent to: John Mitchell, Kyrle House, Edde Cross Street, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 7BZ.



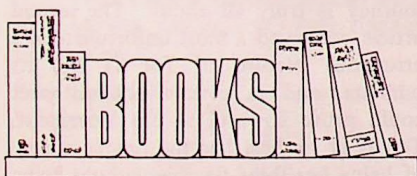
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Summer bursts into bloom! Despite the poor 1980 weather, a record 620 entries made this year's Toc H organised Louth Flower Show an occasion to be remembered. Here the Chairman of Louth (Lincs) Men's Branch shows the Mayor round the exhibits.



Photo: Reg Vincent

Phyl Massey and Ann Dainton admiring the floral carpet commemorating 65 years of Toc H in Greenhill Gardens, Weymouth.



Sexual Counselling

by Una Kroll.

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Counselling is a process designed to help a person answer the question 'What shall I do?' Therapy goes further, and seeks to bring about changes where the client is not able to function adequately. Both in counselling and in therapy, the client is becoming more aware of his personality, and the terms on which he may live more healthily and happily.

Some of the terms, or laws, are external and objective. Some are internal, but no less objective, although we experience them subjectively. By their nature, all

these laws, both of the external and the internal world, are equally definable and reliable. (1)

But in those which we experience only subjectively, we are likely to feel our situation is exceptional. Confusion and anxiety arise from an inevitable lack of perspective. We need, from time to time, the chance to compare our private experience with the general experience. We may do this by reading biography or novels, or in conversation with friends. If a situation becomes particularly distressful, a trained counsellor can enable his client to at least understand what is going on. As a result the client will have greater freedom to take decisions. He may still need to find the energy, or determination, or courage to act on them. Spiritual counselling therefore, must be concerned as much with the 'I can' as with the 'I ought'.

There is a form of religion which gives a series of moral standards, but little or no experience of the power to live by them.

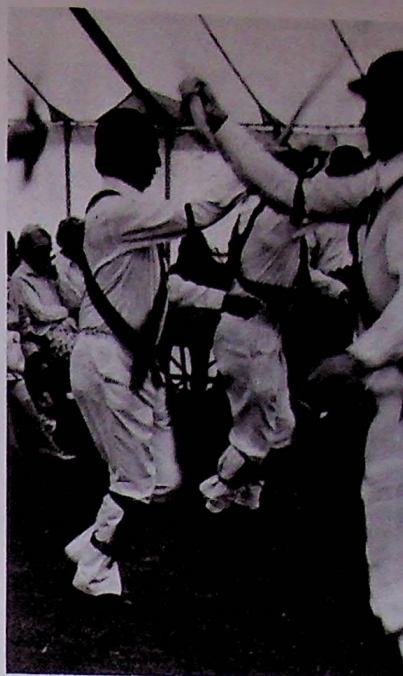
It is the kind of religion Jesus was against: 'binding burdens on men's backs'. It has to be said that in the realm of sexuality, burdens of this kind have been created by our Christian culture. Virginity and celibacy have been labelled 'Class 1', heterosexual monogamy, 'Class 2'. We 'have remained negative towards all other expressions of sexuality' in the assessment of Una Kroll, and she is not alone in this judgement.

Through such classifications, everyone influenced by Christian teaching has a measure of self rejection. This along with fear, are the two most important causes of sexual difficulties. So in an era when great social changes are taking place, many of which are long overdue, and some of which are merely experimental, what 'norms' are being uncovered?

One which may disturb some, is that although it is usually a simple matter to say from anatomy, HE is a male, SHE is a female, no one is wholly male or female. We all vary, and are as unique as our

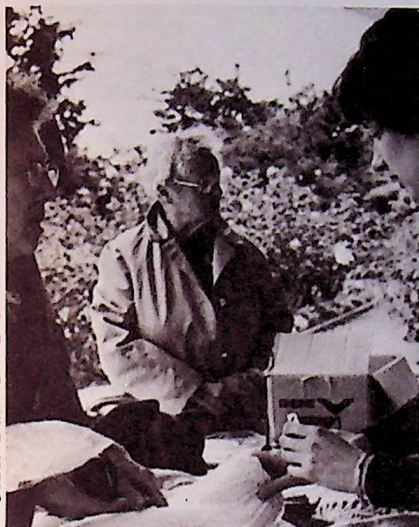


Cuddesdon House was the perfect setting for the SE Regional Festival in September. Over 500 people packed into a splendid marquee for an entertainment, an address by Communications Secretary Frank Rice and a most stirring Epilogue by Revd Peter Kefford of All Hallows. Despite blustery weather, people turned up from right across the Region for a day of celebration in which the whole theme was 'The Way Forward'.



Pannikampatti

Your money is still coming in towards raising the £12,500 needed for the hospital and doctor's living quarters in Pannikampatti. (See Point Three, August 1980). It's coming from individual members, from groups of members and from Branches. When Revd Crispin White's Oberammergau party returned, they handed over all their loose foreign change for the fund. By the time the Finance Department had sorted all the Belgian francs, German DM and Austrian schillings, the amount reached almost £26. At the time of going to press (mid-September) the amount subscribed had reached over £2,102. The account will be closed at the end of October and the final sum reached announced at Central Council.



Photos: Clare Curran



fingerprints. Each of us has to find how to combine the male and female potentiality in and for ourselves. There are clues. The male is rational and logical, the female intuitive and brilliantly illogical. (Much to the male's annoyance.) For any male to function happily, he must develop and trust his intuitive side. Similarly, the female finds an equilibrium in developing her reasoning powers, while not underestimating her inborn intuition. We are living through a social adjustment to these complementary gifts in human nature, and it is important that none of them feels rejected. A price is paid where they are, in the individual, the family, or society. Una Kroll no doubt would add, and in a Church.

In the clinical experience of Dr Jack Dominian, the key to the fear that sometimes becomes attached to human sexuality, is the separation of sexual arousal from personal attachment. To function sexually in a deeply satisfying way, human beings need a context of intimate friendship and mutual

understanding, which can be developed only over a period of time. Where people of any age, younger or older, feel driven to prove themselves prematurely, the result will be disappointing, even disastrous. Instead of mutual attraction, mutual fear will develop, giving rise to conditions controlled by that part of the nervous system which is not under conscious control. It is part of the skill of the sexual therapist to trace back from the symptoms to the underlying cause, and to distinguish emotional from physical factors.

Another norm, uncovered by Erich Fromm, the distinguished American analyst who died earlier this year, is that erotic love is a craving for union with one person. 'It is by its very nature exclusive and not universal; it is also perhaps the most deceptive form of love there is.' (2) This insight is missing from Una Kroll's otherwise far ranging review. In her book she draws from many years of experience as a GP and a counsellor working from a Christian viewpoint.

The value of this addition to the Care and Counselling Series of SPCK lies in the author's detached yet sympathetic approach. She illustrates many of her points with case histories which give a brief but clearly defined pen picture of the typical situation. They do not always come out as conventional morality would demand, but that, in my opinion, adds to the importance of Una Kroll's contribution.

Parts of the book would provide a sound basis for a series of Branch discussions. For anyone involved in pastoral counselling, it will provide a guide to the counsellor's own role and the variety of relationships in which he or she may wisely join, that will benefit both the client and the counsellor.

Bob Knight

- (1) *Jung and the story of our time:* L Van de Post.
- (2) *The Art of Loving:* E Fromm

'Weirside'-Toc H Centre



Some 15 years ago, mainly through the good offices of the then NW Area, and of Iain Fraser in particular, the old Village Institute at Chapel Stile, at the entrance to the Langdale Valley, came into Toc H possession and has been used ever since as a base for outdoor activities enjoyed by a very wide variety of Toc H groups and kindred bodies. Although at the beginning of the 1980 season, management came into new hands, the purpose of the Centre remains unchanged: it continues to provide an excellent base with good facilities at a most reasonable charge, for exploration in what is probably the most glorious part of the Lake District.

At the end of the 1980 season it is anticipated that major structural alterations will be carried out which will provide opportunities for mixed parties to use the Centre on a 50/50 basis or single sex parties up to 16 strong. The amenities provided include a large lounge/dining room; fully equipped kitchen with calor gas cooker; two dormitory blocks, each accommodating eight persons, with toilet, washing and shower facilities adjoining; a drying cabinet; there are storage heaters plus an ample supply of hot water from two immersion heaters. At the present time charges are £20 for a weekend (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon) and £70 for full seven day week. These charges include light, heat and calor gas, and whilst there may be some slight increase in charges from 1981 onwards it is not anticipated that any significant increase will be considered.

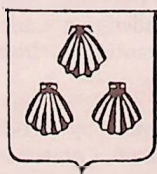
Access to the Centre is most reasonable via the M6, Kendal and Ambleside. It has been agreed that for 1981 priority bookings shall be offered to regular clientele and particularly Toc H based groups, and application for such bookings should be made by 30 November 1980 to: **Booking Secretary for Weirside, Toc H Centre, 24 Grove Avenue, Moseley, Birmingham B12 9RU**, who will also be delighted to provide further information. Priority bookings will end on 30 November after which 'first come, first served' will be the order of the day for all periods whether for weekends, full weeks or even longer periods.

George Lee

Small Ads

Small advertisements must be received (with remittance) five weeks before publication day, which is the 23rd of the preceding month. The charge is 3p a word (minimum 30p) to Point Three Magazine. Rates of display advertisements can be obtained from the Editorial Office, Toc H, 1 Forest Close, Wendover. Telephone: 0296 623911.

When in Gloucester, why not stay at the Gloucester Friendship Centre. Run by the International Friendship League, whose aims are similar to Toc H, it is open all the year round and parties of up to 35 are most welcome. Ring (0452) 418089 or write to GFC, 7/9 Heathville Road, Gloucester.



Quiet situation. Parking. English spoken. Strongly recommended. Bed and breakfast only. Mr Jules Liettaert, Hotel Jacobs, Baliestraat 1, Bruges, 8000. Telephone: 010-32-50 3398 31/32.

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Christian Fellowship Contacts. Marriage Introduction. Singles holidays/houseparties. Local Group events. Nationwide. Christian Fellowship Fellowship, Dept B/23B, Edenthorpe, Doncaster. Sincere males especially welcome.

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